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Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45  
In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service  
Federal High-Cost Support Certification for Rural Carriers in Illinois

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to its May 23, 2001 Rural Task Force ("RTF") Order in the above-referenced proceeding, the Commission required states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the Commission and USAC stating that all federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e). The Commission ruled that states should be required to file annual certifications with the Commission to ensure that carriers use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended," consistent with Section 254(e).

This filing comports with the Commission's requirement. It lists the rural carriers operating in Illinois that have certified to the Illinois Commerce Commission that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

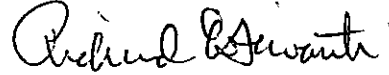
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In order to meet the certification requirement, the ICC asked carriers to sign and return a notarized affidavit attesting to the proper use of the federal universal service support. All carriers signed and returned the affidavits. Below is the list of carriers that successfully returned the affidavits.

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Sincerely,

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION



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Illinois Certified Rural Carriers

## LIST OF CERTIFIED RURAL CARRIERS

ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE  
ALHAMBRA-GRANTFORK TELEPHONE CO.  
BERGEN TELEPHONE CO.  
C-R TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE CO.  
CASS TELEPHONE COMPANY  
CELLULAR PROPERTIES, INC.<sup>1</sup>  
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF ILLINOIS  
CLARKSVILLE MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.  
CROSSVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC.  
EGYPTIAN TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE ASS'N.  
EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY  
FLAT ROCK TELEPHONE CO-OP, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - DEPUE, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ILLINOIS, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF LAKESIDE, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - MIDLAND, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF MT. PULASKI, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF ORION, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - PRAIRIE, INC.  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS - SCHUYLER, INC.  
GENESEO TELEPHONE CO.  
GLASFORD TELEPHONE COMPANY  
GRAFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
GRANDVIEW MUTUAL TEL.  
GRIDLEY TELEPHONE CO.  
HAMILTON COUNTY TELEPHONE CO-OP  
HARRISONVILLE TEL. CO.  
HENRY COUNTY TELEPHONE CO.  
HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY  
ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE COMPANY  
ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-I PARTNERSHIP  
ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-II PARTNERSHIP  
ILLINOIS VALLEY CELLULAR RSA 2-III PARTNERSHIP  
KINSMAN MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.  
LAHARPE TELEPHONE CO. INC.  
LEAF RIVER TELEPHONE COMPANY  
LEONORE MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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<sup>1</sup> The ICC designated Cellular Properties, Inc. as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by order dated February 28, 2008, in ICC Docket No. 07-0154. The ICC designated Cellular Properties as an ETC for study areas 34-3035 (Verizon South); 34-0990 (Clarksville); 34-1012 (Flat Rock); 34-1021 (Grandview); and portions of study areas 34-1088 (Wabash); 34-1065 (Odin/OTE); 34-1058 (Montrose); 34-1183 (Citizens-Frontier); 34-1015 and 34-1036 (Verizon North)(non-rural); 34-5070 (Illinois Bell)(non-rural) and 34-1037 (Illinois Consolidated). Pursuant to FCC Rules 54.314(d)(6) and 54.313(d)(3)(vi), the ICC certified Cellular Properties, Inc. to the FCC and USAC by letter dated March 12, 2008.

MADISON TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 MARSEILLES TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 MCDONOUGH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
 MCNABB TELEPHONE CO.  
 METAMORA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 MID CENTURY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
 MONTROSE MUTUAL TEL. CO.  
 MOULTRIE INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 NEW WINDSOR TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 ONEIDA NETWORK SERVICES, INC.  
 ONEIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE  
 OTE COMMUNICATIONS (ODIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE)  
 REYNOLDS TELEPHONE CO.  
 SHARON TELEPHONE CO.  
 SHAWNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 STELLE TELEPHONE CO.  
 TONICA TELEPHONE COMPANY  
 USCOC OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS, LLC<sup>2</sup>  
 USCOC OF ILLINOIS RSA #1, LLC  
 USCOC OF ILLINOIS RSA #4, LLC  
 USCOC OF ROCKFORD, LLC  
 VERIZON SOUTH, INC.  
 VIOLA HOME TELEPHONE CO.  
 WABASH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.  
 WOODHULL COMMUNITY TELEPHONE CO.

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<sup>2</sup> The ICC designated USCOC of Illinois RSA #1, LLC, USCOC of Illinois RSA #4, LLC, USCOC of Rockford, LLC, and USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers by order dated February 27, 2008, in ICC Docket No. 04-0653. The ICC designated the USCOC entities as ETCs for study areas 34-0976 (Adams); 34-0983 (Cambridge); 34-0984 (Cass); 34-1009 (C-R); 34-1004 (El Paso); 34-0998 (Frontier-DePue); 34-1038 (Frontier-Illinois); 34-1011 (Frontier-Lakeside); 34-1061 (Frontier-Mt. Pulaski); 34-1067 (Frontier-Orion); 34-1073 (Frontier- Prairie); 34-1079 (Frontier-Schuyler); 34-1057 (Gallatin River); 34-1016 (Geneseo); 34-1017 (Glasford); 34-1020 (Grafton); 34-1023 (Gridley); 34-1029 (Henry); 34-1037 (Illinois Consolidated); 34-1043 (LaHarpe); 34-1045 (Leaf River); 34-1046 (Leonore); 34-1050 (Marseilles); 34-1047 (McDonough); 34-1048 (McNabb); 34-1053 (Metamora); 34-1054 and 34-1093 (Mid-Century, the latter study area having been acquired from Yates City); 34-1058 (Montrose); 34-1060 (Moultrie); 34-1062 (New Windsor); 34-9006 (Nextel); 34-1066 (Oneida); 34-1075 (Reynolds); 34-1086 (Tonica); 34-1087 (Viola); and 34-1091 (Woodhull); portions of study areas 34-1088 (Wabash Telephone Co-op); 34-1065 (Odin Telephone Exchange); and 34-1183 (Citizens Telecom of Illinois-Frontier); and those parts of 33-0848 (Bergen) and 33-0946 (Sharon) that are within Illinois. Pursuant to FCC Rule 54.314(d)(6), the ICC certified USCOC of Illinois RSA #1, LLC, USCOC of Illinois RSA #4, LLC, USCOC of Rockford, LLC, and USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC to the FCC and USAC by letter dated March 12, 2008.